



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

"Community with Police...Caring & Sharing Together"

OCTOBER 2022



Trunk or Treat - Halloween

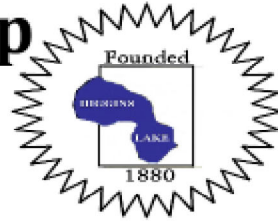
We are happy to announce that we will be going back to a traditional face-to-face Trunk or Treat event this year! Trunk or Treat will take place on Halloween,

October 31st, behind the Gerrish Twp. Municipal Building/Fire Dept. and will be hosted by Gerrish Twp. Police, Fire/EMS and ACT NOW. This will be our 14th year of providing this fun and safe event for the kids in our community and will run from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The kids can go from car to car and collect candy from the participating trunks, stop and warm up at our warming stations and finish off with some warm cider and donuts. We have started our quest for trunk participants...if you would like to join in on this super fun event, decorate your vehicle and hand out candy, please turn in a vehicle pre-registration form to assist the Trunk or Treat committee with all the planning that goes into this event. You can pick up a registration form at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department, Gerrish Twp. Hall or on our website at www.gerrishpolice.org. Prizes will be awarded in three categories for Best Decorated Trunk, Most Creative Trunk and Scariest Trunk. However, you do not have to decorate your trunk to participate and hand out candy as we also will be selecting 10 Random Participation Drawings. Vehicle registration and set-up will begin at 4:30 pm. If you don't want to participate but would like to make a candy or cash donation, those can be dropped off at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department or the Gerrish Twp. Hall.

Gerrish Township American Rescue Plan Act



Local Commercial Enterprises
Local Non-Profit Organizations



Through funding received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Gerrish Township Board will be offering grant funding for qualifying projects. The Township will begin accepting grant applications on September 26, 2022. The application deadline is October 31, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

While the Township has chosen to retain \$250,113.26 for public safety and personal protection needs and infrastructure, \$60,000.00 has been allocated for other projects that are related to decreased revenues, financial insecurity, increased costs and negative economic impacts.

Eligible applicants are those that serve the Township as a non-profit organization or commercial enterprise. Proposed grant projects must address a need or negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applications and further information regarding eligibility for grant funding can be obtained by visiting www.gerrishtownship.org or by emailing Gerrish Township ARPA Committee Chair at chief.hill@gerrishpolice.org. Applications are also available at the Gerrish Township main office.

Submitted proposals will be reviewed by the Gerrish Township American Rescue Plan Committee and evaluated against criteria provided by the US Treasury, American Rescue Plan Final Rules and the Township standards. Eligible proposals will be presented to the Gerrish Township Board on November 3, 2022 for funding consideration.



UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

OCTOBER 7th

ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting
10:00 am @ Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.

OCTOBER 15th

Scrap Metal Project CLOSSES FOR SEASON
Will re-open in the Spring 2023

OCTOBER 22nd

Food Truck Distribution @ Roscommon Area Schools
Bus Garage (10:00 am until food is gone)

OCTOBER 31st

Trunk or Treat - 6:30 pm thru 8:00 pm
Behind the Gerrish Township Municipal Building
Vehicle Set Up/Registration Begins at 4:30 pm



TORCH RUN for Special Olympics

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run that took place on 09/13/22. We had 41 registered participants representing Gerrish Township Police Department, Roscommon County Sheriff Department, Michigan DNR Law Enforcement Division, Charleton Heston Academy Cross Country Team, the Kirtland Regional Police Academy, local community members and local Special Olympic Athletes.

We raised \$1,665.00 in registration fees, shirt sales and general donations to go toward Special Olympics Michigan and our local athletes.

We would like to thank the Gerrish Twp. CERT team members for their assistance in traffic safety, Family Fare of Roscommon for their donation of hot dogs/chips/water, the RAPS Transportation Department for providing a bus to transport participants back to their vehicles and to the Area 4 Special Olympic volunteers for providing a water station.

**Daylight
Saving Time
Ends**

2022
6th
November



2022 SWAC Animal Sale

We still have some of our adorable Patriotic Eagles for sale for \$15.00 each. All funds raised from our Annual Stuffed Animal Fundraiser will go towards the 2022 "Shop-With-A-Cop" Program. We also have small Tropical Birds available for any \$3-\$5 donation.

If you would like to purchase an animal or make a donation, please stop by the Gerrish Twp. Police Department Monday-Friday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. You can also contact Julie at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 or email jhill@gerrishpolice.org and I would be glad to set one (or two) aside for you! This is our 16th year of holding our SWAC Stuffed Animal Fundraiser and we have raised over \$16,000 to date from these sales. THANK YOU for your continued Support 😊

Property Checks

OCTOBER is National Crime Prevention Month and a great time of year to remind those that head out to warmer destinations during the winter to make sure your home here is secure. For some great tips on crime prevention, visit the National Crime Prevention Council at ncpc.org.

You can also get a Checklist of things to do before you close up your home under the Home Security Tips at our website at <https://www.gerrishpolice.org/gerrish-township-police-department/safety-tips/home-security-tips/>

If you would like to have the Gerrish Police Officers check your home while it is vacant, you can fill out an "Unoccupied Residence Check" form and you will be added to our list of Property Checks. These forms are available at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department or you can complete the form electronically on-line at our website at www.gerrishpolice.org under the "House Check" tab. All the information you provide will be confidential and will only be on file with the Gerrish Twp. Police Department and Roscommon Co. Central Dispatch.